

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, A. Irene Palmer was born on March 28, 1925, at Wessington, South Dakota, and has lived in the Wessington-Miller area her entire life; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Irene married Nova Palmer on October 17, 1943, and to this union three children were born: Gary, Peg, and Ray, and they in turn have blessed them with 7 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Irene, or Grandma Irene, is best known by a nickname given to her by her husband of 61 years, "Beautiful Mother", for her cooking skills appreciated by all who stop by at meal time or otherwise -- cookies, brownies, pies, homemade chicken noodle soup over mashed potatoes, and wonderful breakfasts, just to name a few, and for her gracious, hospitable way of making everyone feel welcome in her home; and,

Whereas, Irene does not sit idle, usually has a project or two in the works and has shared her beautiful crewel embroideries and counted cross stitch pictures with loved ones; and,

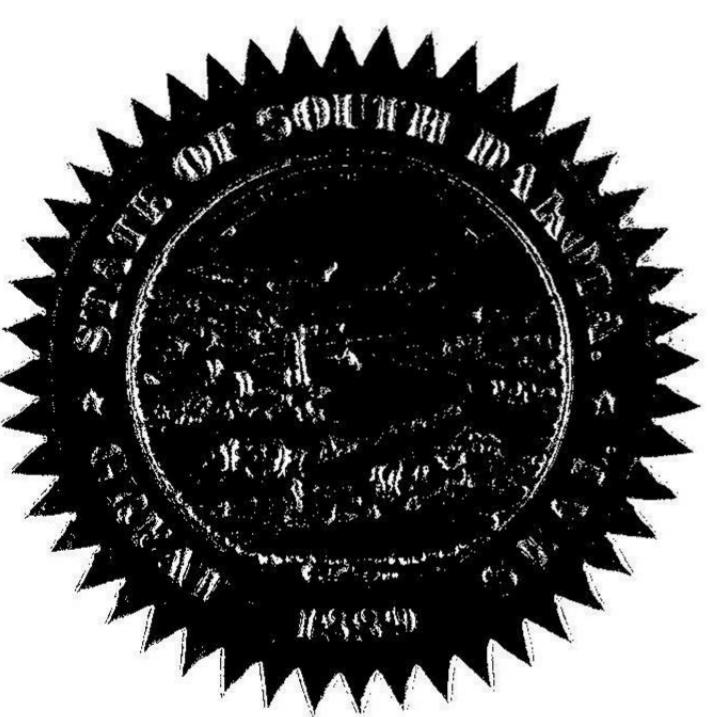
Whereas, Irene will observe her 80th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 28, 2005, as

IRENE PALMER DAY

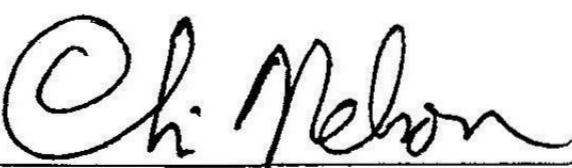
in South Dakota, and I join all her friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.



M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State